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MOLINA WARNS THAT FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN UNICORPORATED AREAS

Fireworks Hotline, (888) 654-FIRE (3473) – For Local Licensed Pyrotechnic Shows

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (July 2, 2009) – Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina reminds the public that fireworks are not permitted in the unincorporated county areas, and encourages families to celebrate the Fourth of July Holiday at a fireworks show by a State-licensed pyrotechnician -- instead of illegally lighting fireworks in unpermitted communities.

Molina said, "Each year thousands of people, many of them children, are burned, blinded, and even disfigured by fireworks. In addition, fireworks cause fires that cost millions of dollars in property loss and cost the county thousands of dollars in fire service protection and public safety enforcement."

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's department has activated suppression teams throughout the county's unincorporated areas who along with regular patrol deputies, are taking a zero tolerance stance and will enforcing all County and State Fireworks laws before and during the Fourth of July holiday.

Per the Los Angeles County Fire Code (LACC 3301.1.3), it is illegal to store, manufacture, sell, use, or handle ALL FORMS of fireworks in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Per State law, the use of fireworks in unincorporated L.A. is a violation of local and State laws, and violators will can be charged with a felony or misdemeanor and fined up to \$500 in fines and/or a year in jail. To report illegal fireworks, residents should contact their local sheriff or fire department.

A July 4 Fireworks Spectacular featuring John Fogerty with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, conducted by John Morris Russell will be held at the Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave. Also, the Fairplex in Pomona is featuring a Fireworks Spectacular, 1101 W. McKinley Avenue, 91768.

For a complete listing of other local firework shows conducted by Statelicensed pyrotechnicians, or further information, contact the L.A. County Fire Department's FIREWORKS HOTLINE at (888) 654-FIRE (3473).

Los Angeles County Unincorporated Communities

Acton

Aguora

Agua Dulce

Alpine

Altadena

Antelope Acres

Athens (or West Athens

Avocado Heights

Baldwin Hills

Bandini (islands)

Bassett

Big Pines

Bouquet Canyon

Calabasas (adjacent)

Calabasas Highlands

Canyon Country

Castaic

Castaic Junction

Charter Oak (Island)

Citrus (Covina island)

Crystalaire

Deer Lake Highlands

Del Aire

Del Sur

East Azusa (islands)

East Rancho Dominguez

East Los Angeles

East Pasadena

East San Gabriel

East Whittier

El Camino Village

El Dorado

Elizabeth Lake

Fairmont

Firestone

Florence

Forrest Park

Franklin Canyon

Glendora (islands)

Gorman

Graham

Green Valley

Hacienda Heights

Hi Vista

Juniper Hills

Kagel Canyon

Kinneloa Mesa

La Crescenta

La Rambla

Ladera Heights

Lake Hughes

Lake Los Angeles

Lakeview Lang Lennox Leona Valley Littlerock Liano Long Beach (islands) Longview Los Cerritos Wetlands Los Nietos Malibu Vista Marina del Rey Mint Canyon Monrovia/Arcadia/Duarte (islands) Monte Nido Montrose **Mulholland Corridor** Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon Malibou Lake Malibu Bowl Malibu Highlands Malibu/Sycamore Cyn Monte Nido Seminole Hot Springs Sunset Mesa Trifuno Canyon Neenach Newhall North Claremont (islands) Northeast San Dimas Northeast Whittier Northwest Whittier Norwalk/Cerritos Oat Mountain Pearblossom Placerita Canyon Quartz Hill Rancho Dominguez Redman Roosevelt **Rowland Heights** San Clemente Island San Pasqual Santa Catalina Island Saugus Soledad South San Gabriel South San Jose Hills South Whittier Stevenson Ranch Sulphur Springs

Sun Village

Sunland/Sylmar/Tujunga

Sunshine Acres

Three Points

Topanga Canyon

Twin Lakes

Universal City

Val Verde

Valencia

Valinda

Valyermo

Vasquez Rocks

Veterans Admin Center

View Park

Walnut Park

West Arcadia (islands)

West Carson

West Chatsworth

West Pomona (islands)

West Puente Valley

West Rancho Dominguez

/Victoria

West Whittier

Westfield

Westmont

White Fence Farms

Whittier Narrows

Willowbrook

Wilsona Gardens

Windsor Hills

Wiseburn

Wrightwood